

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. A computer keyboard comprising:
  - 5 (a) a main typewriter section comprising alphabetic and numeric keys, and including an Enter key, a Backspace key, a Shift key, and a Tab key, said Tab key located in the left-most vertical row of said main typewriter section;
  - (b) said keyboard functioning within a computer system by generating messages to the computer operating software, which messages indicate the key or keys that  
10 have been struck;
  - (c) a Shift-Tab key which causes the keyboard to generate the same message or messages that are generated when the Shift key is operated simultaneously with the Tab key; and
  - (d) said Shift-Tab key located to the left of said Tab key in approximate vertical  
15 alignment with said Tab key.
2. A computer keyboard comprising:
  - (a) a main typewriter section comprising alphabetic and numeric keys, and including an Enter key, a Backspace key, a Shift key, and a Tab key, said Tab key located in the left-most vertical row of said main typewriter section;
  - 20 (b) a numeric keypad section to the right of said main keyboard section;
  - (c) a middle key grouping between said main keyboard section and said numeric keypad section, said middle key grouping including cursor movement keys and a Delete key;
  - (d) said keyboard functioning within a computer system by generating messages to  
25 the computer operating software, which messages indicate the key or keys that have been struck;

- (e) a Shift-Tab key which causes the keyboard to generate the same message or messages that are generated when the Shift key is operated simultaneously with the Tab key;
  - (f) a vertical row of Left Hand Edit keys located adjacent and to the left of main keyboard section;
  - (g) said Left Hand Edit keys comprising a Shift-Tab key and at least one of an Enter key, a Delete key, and a Backspace key; and
  - (h) said Shift-Tab key located to the left of said Tab key in approximate vertical alignment with said Tab key.
- 10 3. A computer keyboard as recited in claim 2, wherein said Left Hand Edit keys comprise a Shift-Tab key, an Enter key, a Delete key, and a Backspace key.
4. A computer keyboard comprising:
- (a) a main typewriter section comprising alphabetic and numeric keys, and including an Enter key, a Backspace key, a Shift key, and a Tab key;
  - (b) a numeric keypad section to the right of said main keyboard section;
  - (c) said keyboard functioning within a computer system by generating messages to the computer operating software, which messages indicate the key or keys that have been struck;
  - (d) a Shift-Tab key which causes the keyboard to generate the same message or messages that are generated when the Shift key is operated simultaneously with the Tab key; and
  - (e) said numeric keypad incorporating a Shift-Tab key and a Tab key, wherein said Shift-Tab key and said Tab key are located adjacent to each other.
- 20 5. A computer keyboard as recited in claim 4, wherein said Shift-Tab key and said Tab key are located adjacent to each other and in the same horizontal row, and wherein the Shift-Tab key is located to the left of the Tab key.
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6. A computer keyboard as recited in claim 4, wherein said numeric keypad further comprises calculator function keys, said calculator function keys to include at least one of a Memory key, a Sub-Total key, a Total key, a Percent key, and Plus/Minus key, a Square Root key, a Clear key, and a Clear Entry key.
- 5 7. A computer keyboard as recited in claim 4, wherein said numeric keypad section is a stand-alone device connected to the computer by a digital signaling means.